

REMARKS

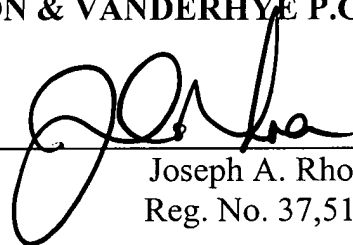
This is in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003. Non-elected claims 13-18 have been canceled, without prejudice in view of the Restriction Requirement. Claims 6 and 11-12 have also been canceled without prejudice to file a continuation/division. Thus, claims 1-5 and 7-10 are now pending.

All pending claims have been allowed. Thus, the application is in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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